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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method comprising:

  determining a monetary value using a point of sale terminal;

  allocating a portion of a ticket, the portion being based on the monetary value,

   in which the allocated portion is less than the whole of the ticket;

  outputting a ticket identifier that identifies the ticket and a portion identifier that identifies the allocated portion of the ticket; and

  storing the ticket identifier and the portion identifier.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, in which the step of determining a monetary value comprises:

  determining a monetary value based on an amount of change due for a purchase.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

  selecting the ticket from a plurality of tickets.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, in which the step of selecting the ticket from a plurality of tickets comprises:

  selecting a ticket having an unallocated portion at least as great as the monetary value.

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5.　(ORIGINAL) The method of claim 3, in which the step of selecting the ticket from a plurality of tickets comprises:

determining a set of tickets that each have an unallocated portion at least as great as the monetary value; and

selecting a ticket from the set of tickets which has a minimal unallocated portion.